

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Washington D.C.

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**MEETING WITH NSC ON THE G7 ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS MEETING (EMM)**

**DATE:** May 30, 2017  
**LOCATION:** Administrator's Office  
**TIME:** 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

**I. PURPOSE**

The White House's National Security Council (NSC) has requested that all G7 Ministerial delegations meet with them prior to departure to G7 Ministerial Meetings. This meeting is an opportunity to exchange views with NSC on top line Administration messages relevant to the Environment Ministers Meeting (EMM) and to learn of any relevant updates coming out of the G7 Leaders Summit attended by POTUS on May 26-27 in Taormina, Italy.

**II. BACKGROUND**

YOU will be the Head of Delegation for the United States at the G7 Environment Ministers Meeting (EMM) in Bologna, Italy on June 10-12. The EMM will be the first G7 meeting to take place following the G7 Leaders Summit. Significant topics for the EMM include the Paris Agreement and climate finance, sustainable development, 'green finance' in the private sector and among small and medium enterprises, environment and jobs, prevention of marine litter, and promoting resource efficiency.

EPA staff have been coordinating closely with NSC and other Departments on the negotiated EMM Communique to be adopted by the Environment Ministers in Bologna. While we anticipate agreement among G7 members on most issues in the EMM Communique, our approach on climate change is still outstanding pending a decision from the Administration on the Paris Agreement. We anticipate that NSC will have additional guidance for the EMM negotiations in early June as a result of the outcomes from the G7 Leaders Summit.

**III. PARTICIPANTS**

White House

- Mathew Haarsager, Special Assistant to the President for Global Economics and Finance
- Clete Willems, Special Assistant to the President for International Trade
- Dave Banks, Special Assistant to the President for Energy and Environment
- Mark Eshbaugh, Director for Energy and Environment

#### EPA

- **YOU**
- Jane Nishida
- Ryan Jackson
- Mandy Gunasekara

#### **IV. AGENDA**

This will be an informal discussion with no set agenda.

- **YOU** will open the meeting, welcoming NSC to EPA.
- **YOU** may wish to inquire directly as to key developments on environment issues that took place at the G7 Leaders Summit and expectations for the Environment Ministers Meeting.
- NSC is expected to convey key messages from the White House on relevant G7 matters.

#### **VI. TALKING POINTS** *(see Agenda, above)*

#### **VII. ATTACHMENT**

- none

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